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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Status Report on National/Tactical Intelligence  
Interface Study

1. In support of the actions as outlined in the report to the President entitled: "Objectives of the Intelligence Community" with specific reference to "...design and establish a common data base...to support the two substantive task groups," I had an extended discussion with Major Miles of MPRRD on the subject.

2. Based upon that discussion, Major Miles provided at my request, a cross tabulation analysis of the National Foreign Intelligence Program (NFIP) assets currently targeted or operating in or against [redacted]

[redacted] The specific request was made to:

a. identify the number of NFIP assets targeted against the regions under study, and,

b. establish the initial data base as outlined in the draft Terms of Reference for the Pilot Study, of National Intelligence Support to Field Commanders, p. 5, para. 6b(1).

3. The results of that cross tabulation indicate that there are [redacted] Reporting Entities in the CIRIS data structure targeted against [redacted] regions.

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25X1 4. As you recall, the CIRIS data structure consists of two major elements: (a) the Reporting Entities, and (b) the Resource Distribution Categories. Reporting Entities are the approximately [ ] identifiable components (offices/branches/units/activities) which comprise the NFIP and which perform resource targeting for CIRIS submissions. Resource Distribution Categories include mission, function, activity, sensor, platform, geographic area and subject. Each of the 37 types of manpower and 11 cost categories are distributed through the network to the lowest level.

5. The CIRIS data structure based upon dollar/manpower categories, sensor and platform types, and geographic and subject listings will be of use to our work at the beginning and may provide a model of a design for a common data base incorporating tactical intelligence resources -- but will not answer the qualitative questions as posed in the Draft Terms of Reference.

6. The questions that require qualitative rather than quantitative judgments include:

a. Determine the capability for timeliness and accuracy...

b. Determine the additional targets...that could be tasked...with no degradation to their missions...

c. Identify the peacetime tasking...that could be reduced or terminated...

d. ...determine the restrictions that could preclude the dissemination of information/intelligence to the commanders in the field.

7. With respect to what CIRIS can do for us on this project -- almost any combination of data that can be constructed from the Resource Distribution Scheme and the Reporting Entity/institutional relationships is available from CIRIS. For simple aggregations of the data response time on the terminal will be less than five minutes. For more complex aggregations, overnight response is preferred, although on a crash basis most data requests can be met in a very short time. A large number of data displays are also available in hard copy. Software is available to do various kinds of statistical analyses on the data, and to display data graphically (line graph, pie carts, histograms).

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8. What CIRIS does not provide us is information on the productivity of the units under study. That is, what do these units produce, for whom and how often? Answers to these questions will assist us in getting at the "capability for timeliness and accuracy" aspects, and the "restrictions on the dissemination of intelligence to the commanders in the field" problem. Two additional data systems - AEGIS and DIALS-COINS might help us with these problems.

9. I have received from Colonel Armstrong of PRD two documents that will be of use to the Requirements and National Capabilities Working Groups as background on current USCINCEUR contingency plans for operations

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10. These plans and other more current will be particularly useful to the National Intelligence Capabilities Working Group in identifying the in-theater intelligence interests under contingency plans for [REDACTED] USCINCEUR. The two documents will be on file with the National/Tactical Intelligence folder in the Coordination Staff/Secretariat Office.

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11. In preparation for the establishment and functioning of the Requirements and Capabilities Working Groups, I recommend:

a. That the Research and Analysis Branch, IC Staff, take one reporting entity of the NFIP; i.e., the [REDACTED] -- which is targeted against the regions of interest to the study group -- and provide as complete an analysis of that unit as is practical for our purposes.

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Rationale: Perhaps by investigating the capabilities of one NFIP asset in detail we will be able to develop a methodology for analyzing the other [REDACTED]

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b. That the Research and Analysis Branch, take the [ ] reporting entities and break them out according to their positive intelligence function; i.e., which ones, and how many are involved in collection verses production, what kind of sensor, platform, etc.

c. That the Coordination Staff/Secretariat acquire from JCS, J-5, a current listing of contingency plans [ ]

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d. That the IC Staff determine the status of the Draft Terms of Reference in JCS.

e. That we rewrite the Terms of Reference, incorporating the specific recommendations of [ ] and JCS as a working/planning document for the IC Staff.

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12. This is a summary to date of activities pertaining to the National/Tactical Intelligence Study.

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